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Ms. Courtney R. Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: DaVita Romeoville Dialysis – Project No. 17-047 Support for Project

Dear Ms. Avery:

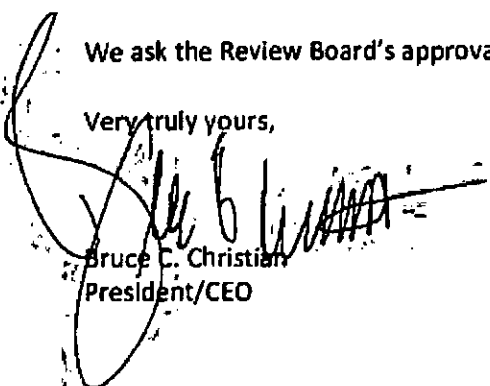
We are pleased to support the DaVita Romeoville Dialysis project to establish an ESRD facility in Romeoville.

AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook has served the families in the Romeoville area since we have existed. Romeoville is an important community in our hospital's service area. That community has grown significantly in recent years. Unfortunately, the percentage of people with chronic kidney disease is also rising. The population growth combined with the increased incident in kidney disease is creating greater need for dialysis services in the area.

At our hospital we see an increasing number of patients with kidney disease. On average, patients with ESRD are hospitalized twice a year and often for an extended period. DaVita will work with AMITA Bolingbrook to coordinate an ESRD patient's discharge plans to ensure access to necessary clinical information to promote care coordination between the hospital and dialysis unit. These combined efforts can improve dialysis care and reduce the risk of re-hospitalization. DaVita and AMITA Bolingbrook are jointly committed to these principles, which aid ESRD patients who may develop complications from their illness.

We ask the Review Board's approval of the DaVita Romeoville ESRD facility.

Very truly yours,


Bruce C. Christian
President/CEO



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Dear Ms. Avery:

We offer our support for the DaVita Romeoville Dialysis project. Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center has proudly served Romeoville and the southern suburbs area for over 100 years. The Romeoville community has grown significantly in recent years. Unfortunately, the percentage of people with chronic kidney disease is also rising. The population growth combined with the increased incident in kidney disease is creating greater need for dialysis services in the area.

We are seeing an increased number of patients with kidney disease in our hospital as almost 15% of American adults suffer chronic kidney disease (CKD). We are fortunate to collaborate with many excellent nephrologists on our staff in caring for our patients with kidney disease. We are pleased that Dr. Teresa Kravets, the medical director of the proposed DaVita Romeoville facility, and many of the other nephrologists involved are members of our medical staff. We would value continuing to work with them in this new facility.

An optimal care plan for patients with CKD includes strategies to slow the loss of kidney function, manage comorbidities, and prevent or treat cardiovascular disease and other complications of CKD, as well as ease the transition to kidney replacement therapy. Early identification of CKD and deliberate treatment of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) by multidisciplinary teams leads to improved disease management and care, mitigating the risk of disease advancement and patient mortality.

We believe we can work well with Dr. Kravets and DaVita in caring for their patients with kidney disease, and we support the Review Board's approval of DaVita Romeoville ESRD facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Erickson".

Robert J. Erickson
President